

GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL (1685–1759)

Serse, HWV 40 (1737–38)

Opera in Three Acts

On an anonymous revision of the libretto // *Xerse* (Rome, 1694)by **Silvio Stampiglia** (1664–1725),in turn based on the libretto // *Xerse* (Venice, 1654)by **Count Nicolò Minato** (c. 1630–1698)

Serse, King of Persia	Anna Stéphany mezzo-soprano
Arsamene, his brother, in love with Romilda	David Daniels counter-tenor
Amastre, heiress to the kingdom of Tagor, betrothed to Serse	Hilary Summers contralto
Ariodate, a prince, vassal to Serse	Brindley Sherratt bass
Romilda, his daughter, in love with Arsamene	Rosemary Joshua soprano
Atalanta, her sister, secretly in love with Arsamene	Joélle Harvey soprano
Elviro, servant of Arsamene	Andreas Wolf bass
Setting:	Abydos, Persia in ancient times

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Act I
TT 66:46

COMPACT DISC TWO
Act II
TT 60:16

COMPACT DISC THREE
Act III
TT 39:27